

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 SALT T 00036 251711Z

61

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 DODE-00 CIAE-00 INRE-00

ACDE-00 /026 W
----- 000209

P R 251615Z FEB 76
FM USDEL SALT TWO GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2956
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
USMISSION NATO

S E C R E T SALT TWO GENEVA 00036

EXDIS/SALT

DEPT ALSO PASS DOD

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR SECDEF

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PARM
SUBJECT: MR. KARPOV'S STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 25, 1976 (SALT TWO-919)

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY MR. KARPOV AT
THE SALT TWO MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 1976.

KARPOV STATEMENT

FEBRUARY 25, 1976

I

THE USSR DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE ATTEN-
TION OF THE U.S. SIDE TO THE QUESTION OF WORKING OUT
MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE WORDING FOR THE DEFINITION OF
HEAVY ICBMS FOR THE DRAFT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT BEING
PREPARED.

AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON THE
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 SALT T 00036 251711Z

SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS TABLED BY THE SIDES ON THAT

QUESTION. NOW THE TASK IS TO AGREE ON SPECIFIC WORDING WHICH WOULD INCORPORATE SUCH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

AT THE FEBRUARY 6 AND 10, 1976 MEETINGS THE USSR DELEGATION PRESENTED THE RATIONALE FOR THE NEED TO RETAIN IN THE DEFINITION BEING WORKED OUT THE CONCEPTS OF "LIGHT" AND "HEAVY" ICBMS, WHICH HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY THE SIDES.

I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT SUCH IS THE SOVIET SIDE'S APPROACH OF PRINCIPLE TO THAT QUESTION. AND IT IS BASED ON WEIGHTLY CONSIDERATIONS.

LAUNCHERS OF LIGHT AND HEAVY ICBMS ARE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE II OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT OF MAY 26, 1972, WHICH IS IN FORCE. THE AIDE-MEMOIRE OF DECEMBER 10, 1974, SPECIFICALLY ITS PARAGRAPH 3, QUITE UNAMBIGUOUSLY SPECIFIES THAT THIS ARTICLE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW AGREEMENT. ANY ATTEMPT TO INTERPRET MATTERS AS THOUGH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE II OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT, WHICH IS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW AGREEMENT, HAVE SOME SORT OF LIMITED SPHERE OF APPLICATION AND DO NOT APPLY TO ARTICLE II OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BEING PREPARED, IS CLEARLY UNFOUNDED. THE SUBJECT MATTER OF ARTICLE II OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT OBLIGATION, AND THE ASSOCIATED DEFINITION BEING WORKED OUT FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEW AGREEMENT MUST STRICTLY CONFORM TO THE FORMULATIONS CONTAINED IN THAT ARTICLE. RETENTION OF ADOPTED TERMINOLOGY IN THE DEFINITION OF HEAVY ICBMS ALSO ENSUES FROM THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT SOVIET-AMERICAN NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW.

SINCE THE TIME WHEN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON INCLUDING ARTICLE II OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT IN THE NEW AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT, AS RECORDED IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE OF DECEMBER 10, 1974, NOTHING HAS HAPPENED THAT WOULD MAKE IT ADVISABLE IN ANY WAY TO CHANGE THE TERMINOLOGY USED IN THAT ARTICLE.

ANY ATTEMPT TO SUBSTITUTE THE WORD "NON-HEAVY" FOR SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 SALT T 00036 251711Z

THE CONCEPT OF "LIGHT ICBMS" IN THE DEFINITION BEING WORKED OUT FOR HEAVY ICBMS IS PATENTLY CONTRARY TO THE CONTENT OF THE AFOREMENTIONED UNDERSTANDINGS.

THE SOVIET SIDE FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THE CONCEPTS OF LIGHT AND HEAVY ICBMS MUST BE RETAINED IN THE DEFINITION OF HEAVY ICBMS BEING WORKED OUT FOR PURPOSES OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

II

IT FOLLOWS FROM THE DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION
OF WORKING OUT THE WORDING OF THE DEFINITION OF HEAVY
ICBMS THAT THERE IS AGREEMENT ON DELIMITING MISSILES
IN SUCH A DEFINITION BOTH BY LAUNCHING WEIGHT AND
THROW-WEIGHT OF MISSILES.

IN THE COURSE OF THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS THE WISH
WAS EXPRESSED THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECT THE
COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE TERMS "LAUNCHING WEIGHT"
AND "THROW-WEIGHT."

THE USSR DELEGATION HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE
U.S. PROPOSAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 1976 WITH RESPECT TO THE
DEFINITION OF THROW-WEIGHT, AS WELL AS THE CONSIDERA-
TIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS CONNECTION BY THE U.S. DELEGA-
TION AT THE FEBRUARY 13, 1976 MEETING.

THE USSR DELEGATION PROPOSES THAT, IN THE CONTEXT
OF THE AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT, ICBM THROW-WEIGHT
BE UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN THE SUM OF THE WEIGHT OF THE
FRONT END OR RE-ENTRY VEHICLES, AND THE DISPENSING AND
TARGETING MECHANISMS, AS WELL AS OF ABM DEFENSE
PENETRATION AIDS.

COMPARISON OF THE PROPOSALS OF THE USSR AND U.S.
DELEGATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE TERM ICBM "THROW-WEIGHT,"
INCLUDING THE U.S. DELEGATION'S PROPOSAL TABLED TODAY,
CLEARLY SHOWS THAT IN PRACTICE THERE IS COINCIDING
UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS QUESTION.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 SALT T 00036 251711Z

THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE TERM "THROW-WEIGHT,"
PROPOSED BY THE USSR DELEGATION, PROVIDES A PRECISE AND
CLEAR INTERPRETATION OF THE CONCEPT "THROW-WEIGHT,"
WHICH IS EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO ICBMS EQUIPPED WITH
MIRVS, TO ICBMS EQUIPPED WITH MRVS, AND TO ICBMS
EQUIPPED WITH SINGLE RE-ENTRY VEHICLES.

THE USSR DELEGATION ALSO PROPOSES THAT ICBM
LAUNCHING WEIGHT BE UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN THE WEIGHT
OF A FULLY LOADED MISSILE AT THE MOMENT OF LAUNCH.

THE USSR DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT, UPON REACHING
AGREEMENT ON THE FORMULATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS
DEALING WITH THE LIMITATION ON INCREASING THE ORIGINAL
VOLUME OF ICBM SILO LAUNCHERS AND ON THE DEFINITION

OF HEAVY ICBMS, THE NEGOTIATING RECORD COULD APPROPRIATELY RECORD THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIDES ON THE QUESTIONS OF MISSILE LAUNCHING WEIGHT AND THROW-WEIGHT.

WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED CONSTITUTE A GOOD BASIS FOR REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE LANGUAGE FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED QUESTIONS ON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS.

JOHNSON

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGREEMENT DRAFT, SALT (ARMS CONTROL), ARMS CONTROL MEETINGS, ICBM
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: coburnhl
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976SALTT00036
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760070-1136
From: SALT TALKS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760214/aaaaalwr.tel
Line Count: 179
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 MAY 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <31 AUG 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MR. KARPOV'S STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 25, 1976 (SALT TWO-919) THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY MR. KARPOV AT
TAGS: PARM, US, UR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006